

CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

California Air Resources Board

Responsible for the adoption and enforcement of the state's ambient air quality standards, rules, and regulations for the control of vehicular air pollution and toxic air contaminants throughout the state. Oversees the efforts of 34 air pollution control districts that regulate emissions from industrial facilities. Conducts studies of the causes of air pollution and evaluates its effects upon human, plant, and animal life.

PO Box 2815, Sacramento CA 95812

www.arb.ca.gov

General Information Number 916 322-2990

Department of Boating and Waterways

Makes loans to public agencies and small businesses for small craft harbor development and grants to public agencies for boat-launching facilities, floating restrooms, and vessel waste disposal equipment; licenses yacht and ship brokers and for-hire vessel operators; conducts programs of boating safety, education, and regulation; and grants funds to local entities for boating law enforcement activities. Participates with the Corps of Engineers and local agencies in the construction of beach erosion control projects, assists local jurisdictions in obtaining the greatest benefits available from federal beach erosion programs, and conducts an aquatic pest control program in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 100, Sacramento CA 95815

www.dbw.ca.gov

General Information Number 916 263-1331

24-Hour Boating Information 800 869-7245

Toll-free 888 326-2822

Boat Registration, DMV 916 657-6770

California Coastal Conservancy

A state agency using planning, land-use conflict resolution, acquisition, and development techniques in the restoration, enhancement, and preservation of coastal resources. Program areas include agricultural preservation, lot consolidation, urban waterfront restoration, coastal resource enhancement, the preservation of significant resource sites, provision of public access, and assistance to nonprofit organizations.

1330 Broadway, Suite 1100, Oakland CA 94612

General Information Number 510 286-1015

California Conservation Corps

The CCC was created with a dual mission: the employment and development of the state's youth, and the protection and enhancement of California's natural resources. Some 42 million hours of public service conservation work and emergency assistance have been provided by the Corps in its twenty years of existence.

1719 24th Street, Sacramento CA 95816

www.ccc.ca.gov

General Information Number 916 341-3100

Toll-Free Recruitment Information 800 952-5627

Human Resources Division, Exams 916 341-3264

Department of Conservation

A steward and guardian of California's earth resources, this Department promotes conservation and wise use of our land, minerals and energy.

801 K Street, Sacramento CA 95814

www.consrv.ca.gov

Division of Mines and Geology

Information & Publication Sales 916 445-5716

Division of Recycling

Information 916 323-3836

Human Resources Office 916 322-7685

Department of Education, Office of Environmental Education

The California Department of Education provides technical assistance and curriculum leadership in environmental education for counties and schools in California. The department offers an annual competitive grant program and provides curriculum and other publications related to environmental education in California.

721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento CA 95814

General Information Number 916 657-5374

California Environmental Protection Agency

The Secretary for Environmental Protection, a member of the Governor's Cabinet, serves as the Governor's principal advisor on environmental protection issues and oversees the activities of the Air Resources Board, Water Resources Control Board, Integrated Waste Management Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

555 Capitol Mall, Suite 525, Sacramento, CA 95814

General Information Number 916 445-3846

California Water Commission

Serves as a policy advisory body to the Director of Water Resources on matters within the Department's jurisdiction and coordinates state and local views on federal appropriations for water projects in California. The commission also conducts public hearings and investigations statewide for the department, and provides an open forum for interested citizens to voice their opinion on water development issues.

1416 Ninth Street, Room 1148, Sacramento CA 95814

General Information Number 916 653-5958

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Responsible for assessing human health risks posed by chemicals in the environment. The office is also the lead agency for implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986.

General Information Number 916 324-7572

Fish and Game Commission

Adopts fish, game, and plant regulations as authorized by the Fish and Game Code, and sets policies for the Department of Fish and Game.

1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento CA 95814

www.dfg.ca.gov

General Information Number 916 653-4899

Department of Fish and Game

Protects, manages, and educates the public about California's diverse populations of wildlife (both game and non-game), their habitats, and threatened native plants. It enforces regulations of the Fish and Game Commission, and laws relating to wildlife and habitat. Responds to pollution incidents that may affect wildlife, and works to both prevent such spills, and ensure prompt clean-up and remediation, when they do occur.

1416 Ninth Street

Sacramento CA 95814

www.dfg.ca.gov

Public Information 916 653-7664

Examination Information (Recording) 916 653-8949

CalTIP--Californians Turn-In Poachers & Polluters, 24-hours 888 DFG-CALTIP

Department of Food and Agriculture

To assure public health, safety, and welfare; protects agriculture by administering, directing and enforcing the state's agricultural laws and regulations.

1220 N Street, Sacramento CA 95814

www.cdffa.ca.gov

General Information 916 654-0466

Consumer Helpline 800 675-2427

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

The CDF works to prevent wildfires, and responds to those that occur. Maintains and enhances the state's forest, range, and brushland resources. It enforces the Z'Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act and other forest and fire laws, engages in forest pest control, related emergency services, and assistance in civil disasters and other non-fire emergencies. CDF also administers forest practice rules, forest advisory services, and underwrites forest and fire research programs.

1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento CA 95814

www.fire.ca.gov

General Information Number 916 653-5121

Personnel Office, Employment & Exams 916 653-5339

Office of the State Fire Marshal 916 445-8200

Arson Hotline 800 468-4408

Department of Parks and Recreation

Responsible for the acquisition, preservation, development, interpretation, and operation of the state park system; also responsible for the administration of grants to local governments for recreation and for development of the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan.

1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento CA 95814

www.cal-parks.ca.gov

General Information Number 916 653-6995

Information - State Parks Foundation, Volunteer Program 800 963-PARK

Park Information 916 653-7443

State Park Reservations 800 444-PARK

Camping without Reservations 916 653-6995

Job Line (Recording) 916 653-9903

Department of Pesticide Regulation

Regulates all aspects of pesticides sales and use, recognizing the need to control pests, while protecting public health and the environment, and fostering reduced-risk pest management strategies.

830 K Street, Room 307, Sacramento CA 95814

General Information Number 916 445-4300

Department of Toxic Substance Control
Oversees clean-up of hazardous waste sites; monitors and regulates hazardous waste transportation, treatment, storage and disposal and promotes hazardous waste reduction in California.
400 P Street, 4th floor, Sacramento CA 95814
General Information Number 916 323-9723

Department of Water Resources
Manages the state's water supply, in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the state's people, and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments.
1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento CA 95814
www.dwr.ca.gov
General Information 916 653-5791
Job Vacancies (Recording) 916 653-9480

Integrated Waste Management Board - IWMB
Manages California's solid waste stream, develops waste reduction programs, provides public education and outreach, assists local governments and businesses, and fosters market development for recyclable materials. Encourages used oil recycling, regulates waste management facilities, and cleans-up abandoned and illegal dump sites.
8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento CA 95826
General Information Number 916 225-2296

State Lands Commission
Responsible for state-owned sovereign and congressional grant lands. Handles land leases, exchanges, and transactions. Conducts oil, gas, geothermal, and other mineral leasing programs. Related activity involves boundary and ownership determination, granted lands administration, and maintenance of land information.
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 S, Sacramento CA 95825
www.slc.ca.gov
General Information Number 800 574-1900

State Reclamation Board
Provides flood protection along the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries by planning, construction, operating, and maintaining flood control projects in cooperation with other agencies, and by implementing nonstructural flood control measures.
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1148, Sacramento CA 95814
www.dwr.water.ca.gov/dir-organizations/ORG-Reclam_Board.html
General Information Number 916 653-5434

The Resources Agency
Responsible for ensuring an adequate and properly balanced management of government functions related to California's natural environment.
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1311, Sacramento CA 95814
www.ceres.ca.gov
General Information Number 916 653-5656

Water Resources Control Board
Ensures the highest reasonable quality of the state's waters, while allocating those waters to achieve the optimum balance of beneficial uses, including the environment, agriculture, municipal districts, and industry. Has joint authority of water allocation and water quality protection. Oversees nine regional boards.
www.swrcb.ca.gov
General Information Number 916 657-1247

Wildlife Conservation Board
With the Department of Fish and Game, the board authorizes the acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of land and water for wildlife conservation and related recreational purposes. The board also administers the Inland Wetlands Conservation Program and the California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program to protect, restore, and enhance wetland and riparian habitats.
1817 13th Street, Sacramento CA 95814
www.dfg.ca.gov/fg_comm/mtgsnew.html
General Information Number 916 445-8448

*Planting trout
is still done by
hand in some
locations.*

Please . . . don't feed wild animals!

Whether you are in a national or state park, campground, roadside rest stop, or your backyard, too often caring people have the misunderstanding that feeding wildlife is helpful. Nothing could be further from the truth. Feeding wildlife can be dangerous for humans, and deadly for wildlife. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) advises people to watch and enjoy, but do not encourage, feed or otherwise entice wildlife to remain in or near your home or camp-site. Feeding wildlife can have significant consequences.

By offering food to birds, deer, raccoons and other creatures living in the wild or near urban areas, people unintentionally encourage wildlife to expect and depend on food from humans. Food intended for one species also attracts other animals like rats, cats, dogs, raccoons, skunks, coyotes and other scavengers. As animals concentrate their activities in the area because dependable food is available, they begin visiting other homes. Though one person likes the animals, the neighbor may not. Then animal control officers are called to have the animals trapped and removed.

Each time someone is injured by a wild animal, there is an outcry demanding that these animals be destroyed. When fed animals become a nuisance, the feeders or their neighbors often want somebody to relocate the animal. This is not a remedy, and it does not solve the problem—it creates new ones. Relocating an animal transfers the problem from one area to another, and it places the animal at additional risk because it is placed into a new and unfamiliar area where it must try to find food, shelter and water while defending itself against its own kind that already inhabit the area. For these reasons, wildlife is not normally relocated in California.

We can easily share space and the environment with wild animals if we learn to respect animal independence and wildness. If we truly care about wild animals, we should learn more about them, make sure they have the habitat they need, respect their self-reliance, and *never* feed them.

Tips

- Never feed wild animals no matter how friendly they are.
- Don't leave dog or cat food, water or even pets' dishes outside.
- Secure garbage can lids. Deodorize garbage cans with bleach, ammonia, Pinesol, or cayenne pepper solutions to dissuade bears, coyotes and other wildlife. Put the garbage out the morning of the pick-up, not the night before.
- When picnicking or camping, pack food securely in a vehicle or locker, when you leave the scene and overnight. Be advised that some bears can and will break into locked cars. Food must be bundled and hung from a high tree limb to keep it from bears.
- Avoid leaving food packaging where wild animals can get to it. Packaging can choke some animals, and cause intestinal blockage in others.
- Instead of feeding wild birds in your back yard, consider landscaping with a variety of plants that provide the food. If you decide to feed the birds, keep feeders clean and make sure that the feed is changed regularly, to prevent mold or bacteria from building up